

# HORIZONS

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Throughout my tenure as your City Councilman, the entire city, particularly District 6, has experienced tremendous growth. As our community continues to grow, it will be extremely important to ensure that economic growth does not occur at the expense of our neighborhoods' integrity and that our city continue to develop and implement programs to enhance our quality of life.

District 6 continues to be one of the fastest growing areas of San Antonio. In an effort to meet the growing needs of our District, over the past four and a half years I have dedicated significant funding to projects designed to enhance our quality of life. In addition to rehabilitating existing parks and libraries, we have worked to identify various funding sources and allocate funding for the construction of several new city parks as well as a state-of-the-art library.

On June 16th, Parks and Recreation held a public hearing and unveiled the proposed design layout for the **Cathedral Rock Nature Park**, which was received very well by the community in attendance. The park is funded through Bonds from 1999 and 2003, as well as a State trail grant. Construction is scheduled to begin next spring and continue through the summer. Although my tenure on the Council will have ended, I plan to work closely with the new councilmember to ensure the park opens on time and in accordance with the wishes of the community. Additional layouts are available online at [www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/cathedral.asp](http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/cathedral.asp).



The City's newest branch library opened to a standing room only crowd on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. The **Henry A. Guerra Jr. Branch Library** was initially funded through the 1999 bond. In 2003, I asked my colleagues on the Council to support a \$1.1 million CDBG/Urban Action Grant allocation to ensure that the library was state-of-the-art, has ample materials, and the best staff in the system (equal to the Great NW Branch, of course).

Cathedral Rock Nature Park and the Henry A. Guerra Branch Library are only two of the many improvements that are in the works for the coming years to maintain and improve the quality of life for not only the residents of District 6, but all of San Antonio. It is my honor to be a part of the development of these improvements. I look forward to working other projects to complement these two.

Yours in Public Service,

Enrique M. Barrera



**Aug - Oct 2004**

# Voting—The Future Depends on Your Participation

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, voters will select the President & Vice President of the United States, among other federal and State elected officials. After the presidential election of 2000, every citizen should realize the importance of his/her vote. Voting is a right that allows every eligible American citizen to participate in our nation's democratic process.

While voting participation is low among all age groups, the majority of youth across the nation do not take advantage of this fundamental right. In 2000, 42% of 18-24 year-old citizens voted, while 70% of citizens 25 and older voted. Locally, voting statistics are much lower than national stats.

Since the youth represent the leaders of tomorrow, we must strive to increase youth voting in national, State, and local elections. Adults need to show the way by leading by example. We need to increase the number and percentage of registered voters that actually vote, not just register to vote.

Over the last year, our office has worked with the schools in District 6 to increase awareness and participation in government, including voting. We will continue to work closely with the schools to increase youth participation in the democratic process, and we will continue to encourage you to vote through these newsletters and email bulletins.

For information on upcoming elections & candidates, voter registration, and more, visit:

[www.rockthevote.com](http://www.rockthevote.com)  
[www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)  
[www.bexar.org/elections](http://www.bexar.org/elections)

To get involved locally, contact the party headquarters:

**Democratic** — [www.bexardemocrats.org](http://www.bexardemocrats.org)  
**Republican** — [www.bexargop.org](http://www.bexargop.org)  
**Green** — [www.txgreens.org](http://www.txgreens.org)  
**Libertarian** — [www.tx.lp.org/bexar](http://www.tx.lp.org/bexar)

or contact a candidate directly. Be Informed and Vote!



**Exercise your right to vote!**

***Presidential  
& General Election***

**Tuesday, Nov 2, 2004**

**Early Voting—Oct 18–28**

**Voting is one of the most important  
rights as a United States Citizen.**

***EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT!***

## **It's Budget Time Again!**

**Thursday, Aug 5**—City Manager Presents Proposed Budget to City Council

**Tuesday, Aug 31**—7:00 p.m.—1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing

**Thursday, Sept 2**—3:00 p.m.—Tax Rate Hearing

**Thursday, Sept 16**—3:00 p.m.—2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing  
& Budget Adoption by City Council



**Good grades and good health go hand in hand.**

**Do your children have health insurance?**

**If not, you can ...**

- Ask the school nurse, or
- Call TexCare at 1-800-647-6558, or
- Attend the Community Fair (details on back)



**Families should bring** Proof of income (One check stub from your employer OR a copy of your most recent federal tax form); and Children's Social Security numbers **to complete an application**

**For local assistance call 354-CHIP (2447)**

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**What are you  
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August 3rd?**  
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National Night Out (NNO) is a neighborhood crime and drug prevention event that occurs annually on the first Tuesday in August and is celebrated in every city, town and village in the United States. NNO also strengthens neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships, while sending a message to criminals that "neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime!"

This year's event will occur **Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**.  
For more information and/or to register your neighborhood, contact Lisa Castillo 207-2307 or at  
[www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/NNO2004.asp](http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/NNO2004.asp)

## International Summit

On June 22-25, Councilman Enrique M. Barrera led a San Antonio delegation to Calgary, Alberta, Canada for the **2004 International Trade & Technology Summit**. Now in its fourth year, the technology summit is a trilateral partnership started in 2001 by Calgary, Canada; San Antonio, Texas; and Monterrey, Mexico to create a forum for the promotion and advancement of information technology industries among the three NAFTA partners. Participants had the opportunity to share business strategies, learn about the latest technologies, be briefed on current policy issues, and participate in pre-arranged business matchmaking sessions.

For the City of San Antonio, this event offered us the opportunity to focus on issues of importance to our economy such as achieving secure and efficient cross-border trade, IT and homeland security issues, and water and resource concerns. In addition, San Antonio's participation was key in beginning targeted promotion for next year's conference which will be held in our city in May of 2005.

"As our society becomes more technologically advanced and dependent on information technology infrastructure, an issue such as security must be addressed in a joint effort to extend trilateral technology and trade opportunities," said Councilman Enrique M. Barrera.

Speakers from San Antonio included Mayor Garza and Councilman Barrera, as well as Raul Rodriguez and Mauricio Gonzalez from the North American Development Bank, a binational development bank in charge of numerous border improvement and infrastructure projects, headquartered in San Antonio. Participants from San Antonio represented Brooks City Base, KellyUSA, the South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the City's International Affairs and Economic Development Departments, and local business owners. The City of San Antonio was also instrumental in ensuring participation from a delegation from Monterrey, Mexico – San Antonio's Sister City and key partners in our City's international trade activities.

For information on the 2005 Trilateral Technology Conference in San Antonio, please visit [www.trilateraltechsummit.com](http://www.trilateraltechsummit.com).

# Graffiti Wipeout

Despite the heavy rains on June 26, each City Council District participated in the city-wide Graffiti Wipeout. Volunteers in District 6 arrived at the District Office at 8:30 a.m. where they were assigned to various public and private sites plagued with graffiti. Our largest wipeout site was the back wall of a shopping center located on Juanita between Ceralvo and Castroville (see before and after photographs below). Not only did the volunteers paint over the graffiti, they also picked up litter in the area.

Across the City, over **1100 volunteers** picked up brushes and rollers and painted over **100,000 square feet of graffiti** eyesores on drainage channels, bridges, retaining walls, fences, and convenience stores. This year's volunteers included residents, and employees of the City, Bexar County, TxDOT, VIA, Keep SA Beautiful, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and local businesses. Additionally, more than **500 gallons of recycled paint** was used to cover the graffiti. After working hard all day, volunteers enjoyed lunch at Mateo Camargo Park.

Thanks to the volunteers and local businesses of District 6, including KB Home and Target, the wipeout was a huge success!

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[www.EnriqueBarrera.com](http://www.EnriqueBarrera.com)

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## Monthly Community Meetings

Come share your ideas, learn about different programs and services, and voice any concerns with Councilman Barrera and City staff.

Meetings begin at **7:00 pm** and are held at the **SAPD West Substation**, located at 7000 Culebra, just inside Loop 410.

**Monday, Aug 23**  
**Monday, Sep 27**  
**Monday, Oct 25**

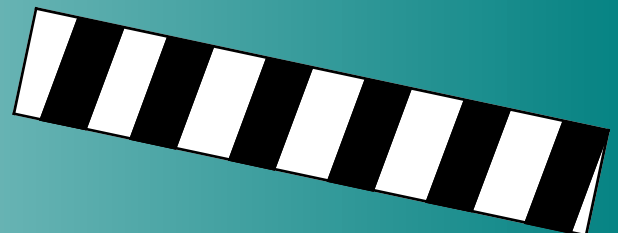
## Annual Community Fair

**Paul Taylor Field House**  
**7001 Culebra (inside Loop 410)**  
**Saturday, August 7, 2004**  
**11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Over 50 confirmed organizations  
Health Screenings | Immunizations | Scholarship  
Opportunities | Recreation Programs  
Youth & Elderly Services | MORE

**Free and open to the public**

For More Information call 207-7065 or visit  
[www.EnriqueBarrera.com/fair](http://www.EnriqueBarrera.com/fair)



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<b>Mon</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Fri</b>
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>